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A.—(*a*) All Deputy Collectors in charge of divisions in which estates lie dispose of suits, etc., under the Madras Estates Land Act. There were three Deputy Collectors in charge of divisions in each of the four districts of Ganjam, Vizagapatam, East Godavari and West Godavari on 15th August 1932.

(*b*) & (*c*) 9 B.A.'s,
1 B.A., B.L.,
1 B.A., LL.B., and Bar.-at-Law, and
1 Matriculate.

(*d*) No.

Alleged cruelty of village officials of the Udayarpalayam zamindari.

* 229 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the ryots of the Udayarpalayam zamindari making serious allegations of extortion and cruelty by the village officials in that zamindari;

(*b*) whether the Government or the Board of Revenue have caused any enquiries to be made into those allegations; and

(*c*) if so, what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have received no representations.

Provincial Gazetteers

District Gazettes.

* 230 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the price of the District Gazettes was raised to the present level somewhere about the year 1915 on account of the increase in the cost of stationery;

(*b*) whether the cost of stationery has not since come down; and

(*c*) if it has, why the Government could not find their way to reduce the price of the Gazette to the pre-war level?

A.—(*a*) The rates of subscription to District Gazettes were fixed in 1918 on the basis of a fair average price and not with reference to the high price of paper which obtained at the time.

(*b*) Yes, it has decreased.

(*c*) The cost of stationery represents only about 5 per cent of the cost of production. The cost of labour which constitutes the greater part of the cost of production has increased. The subscriptions are largely absorbed by postal charges (which also have risen) and do not cover